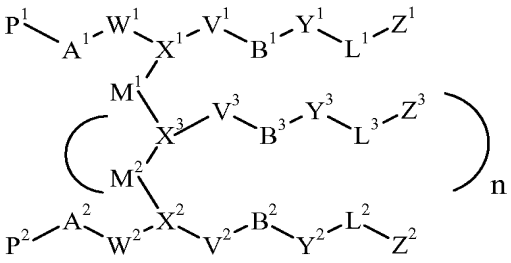
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein

P^1 and P^2 independently represent ~~a polymer residue~~ the residue of a polyethylene glycol (PEG) molecule;

Z^1, Z^2 and Z^3 independently represent the residue of a ~~biologically active moiety~~ polyclonal, monoclonal, multi-valent, multi-specific, humanized or chimeric antibody, a single chain antibody, a Fab fragment, a Fab' or $F(ab')_2$ fragment, or an epitope-binding fragment thereof;

X^1, X^2 and X^3 independently represent CR^1 or N;

A^1 and A^2 independently represent -CONH-, -NHCO-, $-OC(O)N(R^2)-$, $-N(R^2)C(O)O-$ or -NHCONH-;

B^1, B^2 and B^3 independently represent -CONH- or -CO-;

V^1, ~~and~~ V^2 and V^3 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_v-$;

W^1 and W^2 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_w-$;

Y^1, Y^2 and Y^3 independently represent $-(CH_2)_y-$;

L^1, L^2 and L^3 independently represent a ~~spacer group~~ maleimide residue;

M^1 and M^2 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_m-$;

R^1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^2 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

n is zero, 1 or 2;

v is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

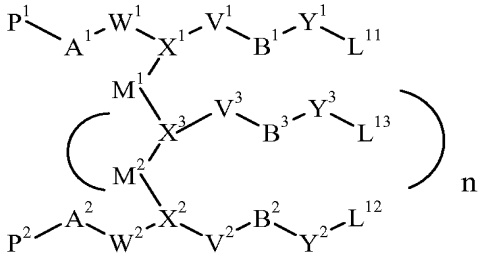
w is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

y is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and

m is 1, 2 or 3.

2. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein Z^1, Z^2 and Z^3 independently represent the residue of a whole antibody or the residue of a functionally active antibody fragment or derivative.

3. (withdrawn) A compound of formula (II):



(II)

wherein

L^{11}, L^{12} and L^{13} represent groups that attach residues Z^1, Z^2 and Z^3, respectively, or that are converted into groups that attach residues Z^1, Z^2 and Z^3, respectively;

Z^1, Z^2 and Z^3 independently represent the residue of a biologically active moiety;

P^1 and P^2 independently represent a polymer residue;

X^1, X^2 and X^3 independently represent CR^1 or N;

A^1 and A^2 independently represent -CONH-, -NHCO-, -OC(O)N(R^2)-, -N(R^2)C(O)O- or -NHCONH-;

B^1, B^2 and B^3 independently represent -CONH- or -CO-;

V^1, V^2 and V^3 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_v-$;

W^1 and W^2 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_w-$;

Y^1, Y^2 and Y^3 independently represent $-(CH_2)_y-$;

M^1 and M^2 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_m-$;

R^1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^2 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

n is zero, 1 or 2;

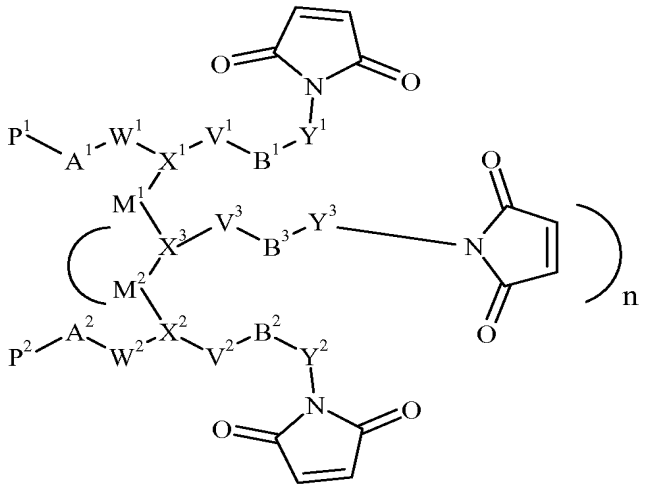
v is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

w is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

y is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and

m is 1, 2 or 3.

4. (withdrawn) A compound as claimed in claim 3 represented by formula (III):



(III)

5. (cancelled)

6. (withdrawn) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein R^1 is hydrogen.

7. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein n is zero.

8. (previously presented) A compound as claimed in claim 1 that is

DiFab'-conjugated N,N'-bis-[4-maleimidylbutyl]-2,3-bis-(3-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-propionylamino)-succinamide;

DiFab'-conjugated 3-maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-maleimidyl-propionyl]-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide; or

DiFab'-conjugated 3-maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-(maleimidyl)-propionyl]-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-propionamide.

9. (withdrawn) A compound as claimed in claim 4 that is

N,N'-Bis-[4-maleimidylbutyl]-2,3-bis-(3-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-propionylamino)-succinamide;

3-Maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-maleimidyl-propionyl]-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-methyl]-propionamide; or

3-Maleimidyl-N-(2-{[3-(maleimidyl)-propionyl]-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-amino}-ethyl)-N-[2-(2-(methoxy-polyethoxy)-ethylcarbamoyl)-ethyl]-propionamide.

10. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as claimed in claim 1 in association with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, excipients or diluents.